

Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier  
Date of introduction: April 13, 2021

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-038**

**CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with *New Castle County Code* Chapter 38 (“Utilities”), Article 2 (“Sewers and Sewage Disposal”), Division 38.02.500 (“Sewer services charges”), Section 38.02.503 (“Schedule generally”), County Council must adopt applicable unit charges for sewer service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**

Section 1. County Council adopts the following sewer unit charges for Fiscal Year 2022:

The following unit charges shall be effective other than for certain contract users:

\$5.034399/1000 gals. flow rate	(q)
\$0.416813/lb. BOD	(b)
\$0.566035/lb. SS	(s)

The rates for certain contract users shall be as follows:

\$3.422731/1000 gals. flow rate	(q)
\$0.416813/lb. BOD	(b)
\$0.566035/lb. SS	(s)

The EDU rates shall be as follows:

Meter Size	EDU	Fixed Charge @ \$100 / EDU
1/2" or 5/8"	1.0	\$25*
3/4"	1.5	\$150
1"	2.5	\$250
1 1/2"	5.0	\$500
2.0	8.0	\$800
3.0	15.0	\$1,500
4.0	25.0	\$2,500
6.0	50.0	\$5,000
8.0	80.0	\$8,000
10.0	115.0	\$11,500

\* For Fiscal Year 2022, the base rate of \$100/EDU has been discounted by 75% for meters up to 5/8".

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 38.02.503.F., the annual minimum charge for sewer service shall be fifty-six dollars (\$56.00).

Section 3. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2021.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Adopted by County Council of  
New Castle County on: 5/25/21

  
President of County Council  
of New Castle County

Approved on: *May 31, 2021*

  
County Executive  
New Castle County

**SYNOPSIS:** This Ordinance establishes sewer service charges effective July 1, 2021, for Fiscal Year 2022.

**FISCAL NOTE:** This Ordinance proposes the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 sewer user rates which, in conjunction with other related sources of revenue, are estimated to yield sufficient revenue to balance the Fiscal Year 2022 sewer fund budget.

If adopted, this Ordinance would establish EDU rates estimated to yield revenue as follows:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue
2022	\$7,100,000
2023	\$7,200,000
2024	\$7,200,000
2025	\$7,300,000

If adopted, this Ordinance would establish a Fiscal Year 2022 composite (flow \$5.034399 + (BOD \$0.416813 X 1.2510 (flow factor) = \$0.5214325) + (SS \$0.566035 X 1.5429 (flow factor) = \$0.8733356)) residential flow rate of \$6.42917 per 1,000 billable gallons. The composite rate remains unchanged from the FY2020 composite rate.

The rates contained in this Ordinance would, if adopted, be applied to all user classes as follows:

User Classification	Number of Users	Gross Billing
Residential	123,648	\$37,050,343
Industrial	21	\$10,214,564
Commercial	3,668	\$17,405,480
Apartment	228	\$8,137,532
Contract	5	\$5,951,898
Gross Billing	<u>127,570</u>	<u>\$ 78,759,817</u>

Allowance for Delinquent Accounts: (2,959,817)  
Net Billing \$ 75,800,000

